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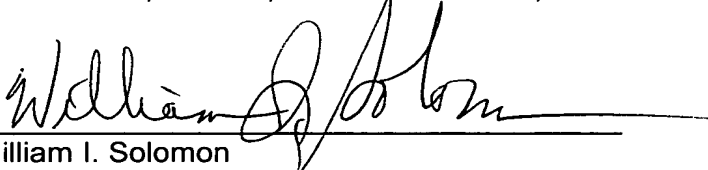
Sir:

Pursuant to the provisions of 35 USC §119 and 37 CFR §1.55, Applicants hereby claim the right of priority based on Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-256603, filed in Japan on September 2, 2002.

A certified copy of the above-identified Japanese Patent Application was submitted on October 16, 2002, in Application No. 10/237,663, filed September 10, 2002.

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